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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 25, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
- Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
- Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
- Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
- Sen. Pat Connell (R)
- Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
- Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
- Sen. Mary McNally (D)
- Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
- Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
- Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 109, 1/17/2017; SJ 5, 1/17/2017

HEARING ON SB 109

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:28 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 109, Revise environmental review process to include analysis of impact beyond Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:37 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters
[EXHIBIT\(nas18a01\)](#)

00:09:14 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation and The Greater Yellowstone Coalition
00:09:45 Nadine Nadow, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:24 Todd O'Hare, senior government affairs manager, Cloud Peak Energy (CPE) and Montana Chamber of Commerce and Treasure State Resources
00:17:27 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
00:20:24 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association
00:23:03 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

Informational Testimony:

00:24:53 Kristi Ponozzo, Public Policy director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:18 Sen. Barrett
00:26:56 Sen. Phillips
00:27:04 Sen. Barrett
00:27:40 Sen. Phillips
00:29:43 Sen. Richmond
00:31:03 Sen. Phillips
00:32:00 Sen. Richmond
00:32:02 Sen. Phillips
00:32:00 Sen. Richmond
00:33:17 Sen. Phillips
00:33:59 Sen. Hinkle
00:34:40 Mr. O'Hare, CPE
00:36:30 Sen. Hinkle
00:37:09 Sen. Phillips
00:38:18 Sen. Ankney
00:39:08 Ms. Ponozzo, DEQ
00:39:16 Sen. Ankney
00:39:55 Mr. O'Hare
00:40:47 Sen. Ankney
00:40:36 Mr. O'Hare

00:41:12 Chair Vincent
00:41:40 Sen. Phillips
00:42:01 Chair Vincent
00:42:13 Sen. Phillips
00:42:20 Chair Vincent
00:42:26 Sen. Phillips

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:52 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON SJ 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:24 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 5, Interim study regarding coal phase-out.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:18 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
00:56:34 Dan Roper, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(nas18a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:58 Chris Cavazos, political director, Montana American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
01:00:16 Todd O'Hare, senior government affairs manager, Cloud Peak Energy (CPE)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:33 Sen. Barrett
01:05:35 Mr. Cavazos, AFL-CIO
01:06:12 Sen. Welborn
01:06:39 Mr. O'Hare, CPE
01:07:14 Sen. Welborn
01:07:39 Mr. O'Hare
01:09:51 Chair Vincent
01:10:53 Sen. Phillips
01:11:12 Chair Vincent
01:11:38 Sen. Phillips

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:45 Sen. Phillips

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:18 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas18aad.pdf](#))